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~~item formed into a convex shape by the convex dough forming region of the cutter~~

41. (AMENDED) A method of forming and cutting a dough sheet having a first surface with a first skin and a second surface with a second skin, the method comprising: engaging the dough sheet with a convex blunt dough engaging surface to form a first depression in the dough sheet by pulling the first surface of the dough sheet toward the second surface thereof, stretching the first skin into a convex shape using the convex blunt dough engaging surface; prior to breaking the first skin, pinching the first skin to the second skin; and severing the dough sheet at the first depression.

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52. (AMENDED) A method of forming and cutting a dough sheet, comprising: conveying a dough sheet along a dough travel path; forming and cutting the dough sheet with first and second cutters each having a convex blunt dough engaging portion to form the dough sheet into a convex shape adjacent first and second generally parallel cuts, respectively, which extend to a first depth, severing the dough sheet; and depressing the dough sheet with a third cutter having a convex blunt dough engaging portion and being disposed relative to the conveyor to form a depression in the dough sheet, between the first and second cuts, the depression extending to a second depth, less than the first depth, leaving the dough sheet at least partially intact and formed into a convex shape by the convex blunt dough engaging portion of the third cutter.

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